



City of Cambridge

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

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Dear Water/Sewer Customer:

The FY2010 water/sewer rates have been approved by the City administration and City Council. The water rates will increase by 2.7% and the sewer rates will increase by 7.9%. While the total FY10 Water Budget reflects a budget decrease of 3.4% from FY09 Projected and the total Sewer Budget reflects a 2.3% increase from FY09 Projected, which includes a 7.6% increase in the MWRA assessment, the impact of lower consumption, and therefore lower revenues, is driving the combined rate increase of 6.2%.

The following block rates will commence with the water/sewer usage as of April 1, 2009, and you will see the changes in bills issued as of July 1, 2009.

	Annual Consumption	FY09 Water Rate	FY10 Proposed Water Rate	FY09 Sewer Rate	FY10 Proposed Sewer Rate
Block 1	0 – 40 CcF	\$2.90	\$2.98	\$6.75	\$7.28
Block 2	41 – 400 CcF	\$3.11	\$3.19	\$7.15	\$7.71
Block 3	401 – 2,000 CcF	\$3.30	\$3.39	\$7.67	\$8.28
Block 4	2,001 – 10,000 CcF	\$3.51	\$3.60	\$8.27	\$8.92
Block 5	Over 10,000 CcF	\$3.80	\$3.90	\$8.79	\$9.48

All rates are per CcF. CcF is an abbreviation of 100 cubic feet. One CcF is approximately 750 gallons.

The following table represents the estimated average change to residential water/sewer bills.

Residential Type	FY09	FY10 Projected	Annual Variance	% Change
Single Family	\$680	\$722	\$42	6.2%
Two Family	\$900	\$956	\$56	6.2%
Three Family	\$1,360	\$1,444	\$84	6.2%

Senior Discount Program

The City offers a 15% discount, not to exceed \$90, to residents 65 years of age or older who own and occupy their one, two or three family homes. *An application form is on the reverse side of this notice.* Any resident who was granted a Clause 41C elderly exemption on FY2009 real estate taxes will receive a 30% discount, not to exceed \$180 per year. The City automatically grants this discount where applicable.

If you have any questions, please contact the Finance Department at 617 349-4220, or e-mail us at treasurer@cambridgema.gov.

Sincerely,

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